AN
ACT

For Keeping and Celebrating the

Twenty third of October

AS AN

ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

IN THE

KINGDOM of *IRELAND.*

Together with

A FORM of DIVINE SERVICE,

To be uſed there on the ſame Day.

THeſe are to give notice, That the Proteſtants of Ireland, *at preſent in and about the City of* London, *intend to meet (at the Church of* St. Mary le Bow*) upon* Wedneſday *the Twenty third day of this Inſtant* October, *at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, in purſuance of an Act of Parliament in that Kingdom, to give Thanks to Almighty God for the Deliverance from the Bloody Maſſacre and Rebellion begun by the* Iriſh *Papiſts the Twenty third day of* October, 1641.

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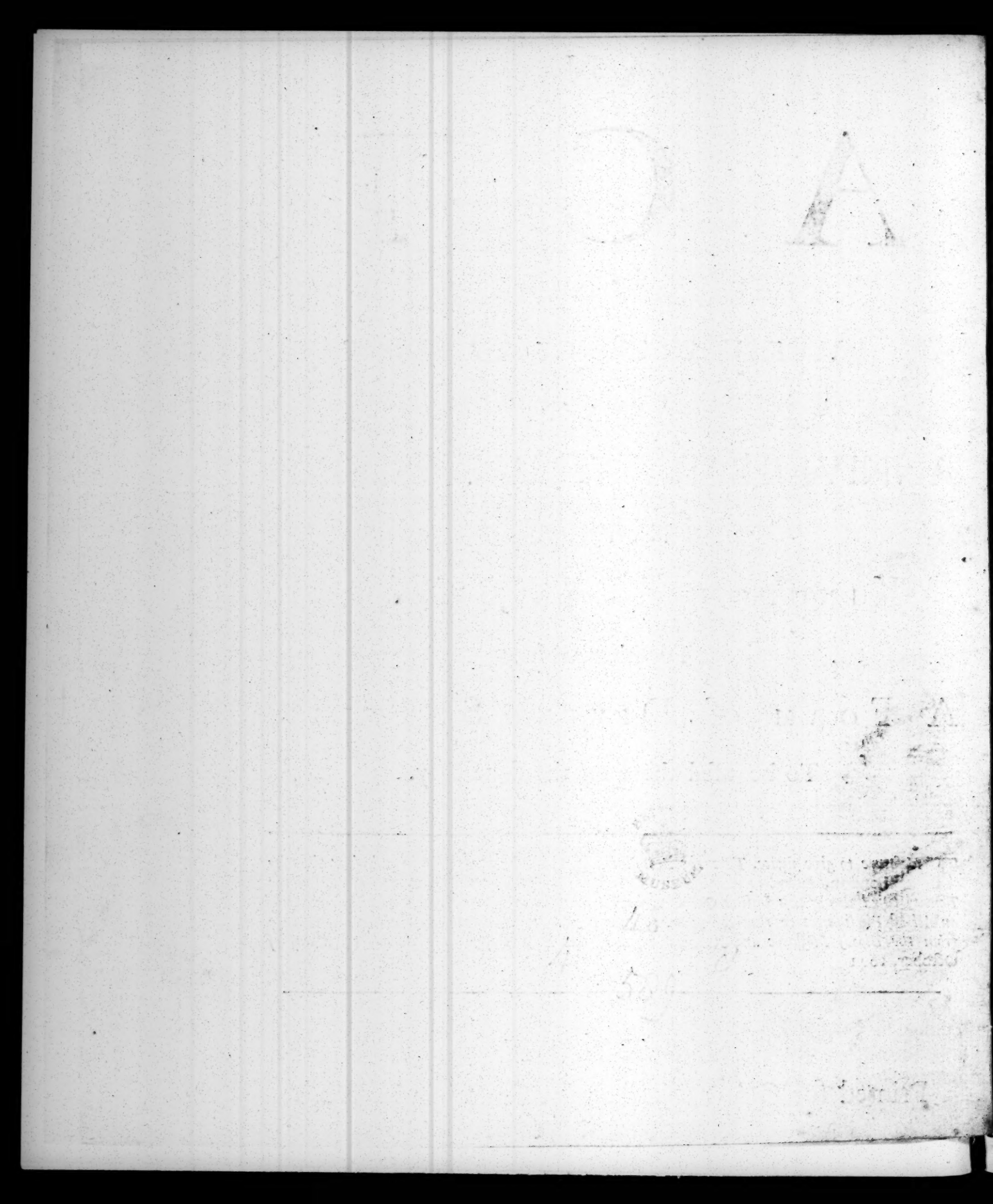

An ACT for Keeping and Celebrating the Twenty third of October, *as an Anniverſary* THANKSGIVING *in this Kingdom.*

WHereas many malignant and rebellious Papiſts and Jeſuits, Friars, Seminary Prieſts, and other Superſtitious Orders of the Popiſh pretended Clergy, moſt diſloyally, treacherouſly, and wickedly conſpired to ſurpriſe His Majeſty's Caſtle of *Dublin*, His Majeſty's Principal Fort of this Kingdom of *Ireland*, the City of *Dublin*, and all other Cities and Fortifications of this Realm, and that all the *Proteſtants* and *Engliſh* throughout the whole Kingdom, that would not join with them, ſhould be cut off; and finally, by a general Rebellion to deprive our late Sovereign Lord of ever Bleſſed Memory, King *Charles* the Firſt, of this His Ancient and Rightful Crown and Sovereignty of this Kingdom, and to poſſeſs themſelves thereof: All which was by the ſaid Conſpirators plotted and intended to be acted on the Twenty third of *October*, in the Year of our Lord God 1641. A Conſpiracy ſo generally inhumane, barbarous, and cruel, as the like was never before heard of in any Age or Kingdom; and if it had taken effect in that fulneſs which was intended by the Conſpirators, it had occaſioned the utter Ruine of this whole Kingdom, and the Government thereof: And however it pleaſed Almighty God, in his unſearchable Wiſdom and Juſtice, as a juſt Puniſhment, and deſerved Correction unto his People for their Sins, and the Sins of this Kingdom, to permit then and afterwards the effecting of a great part of that Deſtruction complotted by thoſe wicked Conſpirators, whereby many thouſand *Britiſh* and *Proteſtants* have been maſſacred, many thouſands of others of them have been afflicted and tormented with the moſt exquiſite Torments that

Malice could ſuggeſt; and all Mens Eſtates, as well thoſe whom they barbarouſly murdered, as all other Good Subjects, were waſted, ruined, and deſtroyed: Yet as his Divine Majeſty hath in all Ages ſhewn his Power and Mercy, in the miraculous and gracious deliverance of his Church, and in the Protection of Religious Kings and States; ſo even in the midſt of his Juſtice, he was graciouſly pleaſed to extend Mercy to His Majeſty and to this His Kingdom, and good Subjects therein, not only in mercifully diſcovering to the then Lords Juſtices, by one *Owen O Connelly*, a meer *Iriſh-man*, but trained up in the Proteſtant Religion, who out of a ſenſe of his Duty and Loyalty to His Majeſty, and for the preſervation of his good People, and as an Effect of that Religion he was trained up in, revealed that hideous and bloody Treaſon, not many Hours before the appointed time for the execution thereof; but alſo in preſerving the ſaid Caſtle and City of *Dublin*, and ſome other Cities, Towns, and Caſtles in the Kingdom, from the bloody Hands of the barbarous Conſpirators, as alſo in thereby rendring deliverance of the Lives of the ſaid Lords Juſtices and Council, and of all the *Britiſh* and *Proteſtants* in *Dublin*, and in the ſaid other Cities, Towns, and Caſtles preſerved, and of ſundry other *Britiſh* and *Proteſtants*, fallen into the Hands of thoſe rebellious Conſpirators, and likewiſe in ſending us Succours out of *England* hither, by the Piety, Care, and Wiſdom of our late Sovereign Lord King *Charles* the Firſt, whereby, with God's Bleſſing, the good Subjects of this Kingdom have hitherto continued ſafe under His mighty Protection, notwithſtanding the unexampled Rage and implacable Malice of thoſe mercileſs Rebels. Wherefore as we do moſt humbly and juſtly acknowledge God's Juſtice in our deſerved Puniſhments in thoſe Calamities, which from the Counſels and Actions of thoſe Conſpirators, and their Adherents have fallen upon us in this Kingdom in general; ſo we do in like manner acknowledge, that even in exerciſing of that his Juſtice, he remembred Mercy alſo, and magnified his Mercies to us, in thoſe great Bleſſings which we humbly confeſs to have proceeded meerly from his infinite Goodneſs and Mercy; and

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therefore to his moſt holy Name we do aſcribe all Honour, Glory, and Praiſe; and to the end this unfeigned Thankfulneſs may never be forgotten, but may be had in a perpetual remembrance, that all Ages to come may yield Praiſes to his Divine Majeſty for the ſame, and have in Memory that joyful Day of Deliverance; Be it therefore Enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, with the Aſſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by Authority of the ſame, That the Twenty third day of *October* ſhall be kept and celebrated as an Anniverſary Holiday in this Kingdom for ever; and that all Perſons do at that Day forbear all Bodily Labour, and the Exerciſe of their Trades; and that all and ſingular Miniſters in every Cathedral and Pariſh-Church, or other uſual Place for Common-Prayer within this Realm of *Ireland*, ſhall always upon the Twenty third Day of *October* ſay Morning-Prayer, and give Thanks to Almighty God for that moſt happy and miraculous Deliverance and Preſervation, far above the Expectations of thoſe wretched Conſpirators; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons inhabiting within this Realm of *Ireland*, ſhall yearly upon the Twenty third of *October* diligently and faithfully reſort to the Pariſh-Church or Chappel accuſtomed, or to ſome uſual Church or Chappel where the ſaid Morning-Prayer, Preaching, or other Service of God ſhall be uſed, and then and there abide orderly and ſoberly during the time of the ſaid Prayers, Preaching, or other Service of God there to be uſed and miniſtred. And becauſe all and every Perſon may be put in mind of his Duty, and be then the better prepared to the ſaid Holy Service, Be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Miniſter ſhall give warning to his Pariſhioners publickly in the Church, at Morning-Prayer, the Lords-day next before every ſuch Twenty third of *October*, for the due Obſervation of the ſaid Day; and that after Morning-Prayer or Preaching upon every ſuch Twenty third of *October*, they read publickly, diſtinctly, and plainly this preſent Act.

A Form of Divine Service to be uſed October 23. *appointed by Act of Parliament* Anno Regni Car. 2. 14. die 27 Sept. 1662. *to be Kept and Celebrated as an Anniverſary Thanksgiving in this Kingdom of* Ireland.

THe heginning of the Service to be according to the Form of the Common-Prayer: Then Proper *Pſalms*, as 3, 9, 12, 46, 144.
Proper Leſſons; for the firſt, 2 *Chron.* 13. or *Jer.* 30.
For the ſecond Leſſon, *Mat.* 9. or *Acts* 5. or *Acts* 23.
And after the Collect for the *Sunday*, this following Collect.

ALmighty God and heavenly Father, who out of thy moſt wiſe and watchful Providence, and tender Mercies towards us thine unworthy Servants, haſt bèen pleaſed, as at all other times, ſo on this day, to prevent the extreme malice, miſchievous imagination, and bloody intention of our Enemies, by revealing ſo wonderfully and opportunely their Rebellion, and cruel Enterpriſes, plotted againſt our dread Sovereign Lord the King, and the whole State of this Realm, for the Subverſion of this Government, and the utter Extirpation of the Truth of thy Goſpel, and pure Religion profeſſed amongſt us. We moſt humbly praiſe and magnifie thy glorious Name for thine infinite Goodneſs in this our marvellous Deliverance. We confeſs it was thy mercy, thy mercy alone (moſt merciful Father) that we were not conſumed. And therefore not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy Name be aſcribed all honour and glory, in all Churches of the Saints, throughaut all Generations. For thou, Lord, dideſt diſcover unto thy Servants the ſnares of Death; thou didſt break them, and we were delivered. Be thou ſtill our mighty Protector, and ſcatter our Enemies that delight in Blood; infatuate their Counſels, enfeeble their Strength, put Fear in their Hearts, and accompliſh this thy Mercy in our ſafety and future deliverance. And to that end, ſtrengthen the Hands of our gracious King, the Lord Lieutenant, the Nobility, and Magiſtrates of the Land, with Judgment, Juſtice, and Power to reſtrain ſuch workers of Iniquity, who pretend Religion and practiſe Rebellion, and devour thine Inheritance. This, Lord, we crave at thy merciful hands, together with the continuance of thy powerful Protection over our dread Sovereign, the whole Church, and theſe Realms, and the ſpeedy Converſion of all our Enemies, and that for thy dear Son's ſake, Jeſus Chriſt, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

After

After the Litany, this Prayer for the Second Collect.

O Eternal God, in whom we live, move, and have our Being, and by whom alone we are protected in all our Dangers and Distresses; we thy People, and Sheep of thy Pasture, do acknowledge our selves above all others infinitely bounden unto thy heavenly Majesty, for thy many unspeakable Benefits daily conferred and heaped upon us; especially for the enlightning us with thy heavenly Truth, and planting thy Gospel amongst us; for placing over us a most gracious King, a faithful Professor and Defender of the same, a wise and vigilant Lieutenant. And as at this time especially we praise thee for the discovery and prevention of the bloody and treacherous Designs of the Enemies of thy Truth and People: We laud and magnifie thy glorious Name for these thy Mercies, and will ever shew forth thy Praise from Generation to Generation: For it was thy Goodness alone that we were not delivered over for a Prey unto their Teeth. Thy Prudence, not our Foresight; thy Love, not our Merit, that we appear this day before thee, that the Enemy did not triumph in our utter Destruction, nor rot up the Vine which thy Right hand had planted. O Lord God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and behold, and visit this thy Vine; water it with thy Blessing, and make it to fill the Land, to the astonishment of our Enemies, but unto the joy of all that wish well unto our Sion: So will we not go back from thee, but will serve thee in fear and holiness all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect after the Litany.

O Most gracious Lord God, we of this Nation, whom thou didst snatch as a Brand out of the Fire of the late horrid Massacre, we this day assembled before thee, do with shame and sorrow acknowledge and confess, That our Sins had most justly provoked thee to wrath, when thou didst suffer those Men of Blood to make their Sword fat with the Slaughter of so many thousand Innocents. And we may as justly fear, that our not being made better by thy former Judgments, thou mayest be compelled to make thy Sword sharper, and return upon us in greater fury, because our Sins are greater, more bold, more provoking: in particular, our neglect and contempt of thy sacred Ordinances, our vain and false swearing (for which the Land mourns) our unchristian Uncharitableness, and shameful Intemperance, our Sacrilege, and Covetousness, Hypocrisie, Slandering, and deep Security in the midst of all our Sins and Dangers.

These,

These, together with a glorying in our Impieties, might in justice have brought upon us a sudden and horrible Destruction. But, contrary to the method of thy Procedings against others, thou hast spared us, thereby woing us to return unto thee by unfeigned Repentance. Thou hast magnified thy Mercy towards us, that we may magnifie thee, as we do this day, this memorable day, O Lord, for thy Patience and Long-suffering, notwithstanding all our Provocations: We repent, O pardon; we return, O vouchsafe to receive us, and enable us to walk worthy of thy great past Deliverance, by a more strict and holy future Obedience, for the Merits of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

At the Second Service, this Fourth Collect to be said after the Collect for the King.

MOst merciful and bountiful Lord God, seeing thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve thy most unworthy People from total Desolation, and daily to follow us with the Blessing of Peace and good Government: make us therefore, O Lord, in all thankfulness to be obedient to thy Will in all things; to be faithful and constant in our Duty to the King, and to all that are in Authority under him; to be sincere in thy Worship, zealous of Good works, of one Faith, and one Mind, studying to be quiet, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, even as God for Christs sake hath forgiven us: so that when every one in his several place shall labour to advance the good both of Church and State, and by a through Reformation of our Lives, shall become a People whom thou mayest take delight to bless; then thy Judgments which we have deserved, and therefore fear, may be averted, and our sinful Souls saved in the day of the Lord Jesus: Then with one heart and voice we may all praise thee in thy Church, and always sing joyfully, that thy Loving-kindness is ever more and more towards us, and the Truth of the Lord endures for ever. These Mercies we most unworthy to ask, humbly beseech thee to grant, for the benefit of this Church and Nation, and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

For the Epistle, *Mebem.* 4. from ver. 7. to ver. 16. or 2 *Cor.* 1. from ver. 3. to ver. 11.

For the Gospel, *Mat.* 14. from ver. 23. to ver. 34. or *Mat.* 15. from ver. 1. to ver. 13. or *Mat.* 5. from ver. 1. to ver. 14.

And then proceed as in the Book of Common-Prayer.

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